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SUBJ: EXPORT RESTRICTIONS IMPOSED BY FIJI

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1. FIJI MAINTAINS FEW EXPORT RESTRICTIONS. MEASURES IMPOSED VARY IN NATURE AND REASON FOR INTRODUCTION. MOST RECENT UPDATE AND CONSOLIDATION OF EXPORT RESTRICTIONS PUBLISHED BY GOF 5/30/75 (COPY BEING POUCHEO). REGULATIONS ARE REVISED FROM TIME TO TIME AS GOF FEELS NECESSARY. ALL MEASURES ARE OF INDEFINITE DURATION.

2. THERE IS ABSOLUTE EMBARGO ON EXPORT OF ALL TYPES OF DANGEROUS DRUGS AND ON EXPORT OF ARMS TO SOUTH AFRICA.

3. GOODS OF WHICH EXPORT IS PROHIBITED WITHOUT LICENSE OR WRITTEN PERMISSION OF MINISTRY MOST CONCERNED, AND REASONS FOR PROHIBITION:

(A) BIRDS AND PLUMAGE, CERTAIN FAUNA, WHALES TEETH, TURTLE SHELL, AND FIJIAN ARTIFACTS -- CONSERVATION OF WILDLIFE AND ARTIFACTS.

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(B) SUGAR AND COPRA -- EXPORT-MARKETED BY GOF WITH GOAL OF ALIGNING EXPORT PRICES WITH WORLD MARKET PRICES.

(C) WHEAT BRAN, OILCAKE AND MEAL OF COPRA, WOOD AND CERTAIN

WOOD PRODUCTS -- CONTROLLED IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN DOMESTIC SUPPLIES.

(D) ALL GOODS DESTINED FOR RHODESIA.

4. GOODS OF WHICH EXPORT IS PROHIBITED WITHOUT EXPORT LICENSE FROM THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE: ALL SCRAP METALS, RICE -- CONTROLLED TO HELP MAINTAIN DOMESTIC SUPPLIES AT REASONABLE PRICE.

5. UNDER OTHER LAWS OF FIJI THE FOLLOWING PRODUCTS CAN BE EXPORTED ONLY UNDER LICENSE OR OTHER AUTHORIZATION: ARMS AND AMMUNITION, CURRENCY AND GOLD, EXPLOSIVES, LIVE FISH, TURTLE FLESH, CERTAIN SHELLS, MINERALS, AND ARTICLES OF ARCHEOLOGICAL AND PALAEONTOLOGICAL INTEREST.

6. BECAUSE EXPORT CONTROL MEASURES ARE SO LIMITED AND BECAUSE FIJI IS SUCH A SMALL EXPORTER OF ALL PRODUCTS, FIJI'S EXPORT RESTRICTIONS DO NOT DISTORT INTERNATIONAL TRADE.

7. FIJI'S EXPORT RESTRICTIONS DO HAVE A VERY SLIGHT ADVERSE EFFECT ON U.S. TRADE. UNDER THE PRESENT EXPORT REGULATIONS THE AMOUNT OF SUGAR SOLD TO THE U.S. IS LIMITED. SOME FIJIAN SUPPLIERS HAVE COMPLAINED TO THE EMBASSY THAT ALTHOUGH THEY HAVE SECURED U.S. SUGAR BUYERS, THEY CANNOT OBTAIN EXPORT AUTHORIZATION FROM THE GOF. THE AMOUNT OF SUGAR IN QUESTION, HOWEVER, IS INSIGNIFICANT IN RELATION TO TOTAL U.S. SUGAR IMPORTS (LESS THAN 1%). BECAUSE OF THE MINISCULE QUANTITIES INVOLVED, U.S. TRADE IS NOT SERIOUSLY EFFECTED.

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